

Definition of Surveillance Levels

Standard Surveillance

No flu activity reported in the community (flu season)

- Monitor daily attendance for increased reports of absence due to flu-like illness
- Send surveillance including attendance and/or illness reports to the Health Department weekly.

Heightened Surveillance

Flu activity reported in the community (less than 10% school absenteeism due to flu-like illness)

- Monitor daily attendance for flu-like illness/absences
- Begin morning 'flu check' first hour of school – screen those who report positive for symptoms
- Log absences due to flu-like illness
- Send surveillance reports (via fax) to Health Department

Intensive Surveillance

High number of flu illness reported in the community (10% or greater school absenteeism due to flu-like illness)

- Monitor daily attendance and log absences on log sheet
- Continue morning 'flu check'
- Send daily surveillance report (via fax) to Health Department
- Begin preparation for potential school closure